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SUBJ: RVNAF SECURITY FOR MEKONG RIVER CONVOYS

1. RECENT U. S. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND PRESS REPORTS HAVE ALLEGED GVN FAILURE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR RESUPPLY CONVOYS ON THE MEKONG RIVER DURING MOVEMENT FROM TAN CHAU TO THE CAMBODIAN FRONTIER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE WASHINGTON POST APRIL 10 ARTICLE BY H. D. S. GREENWAY, DATELINE PHNOM PENH, QUOTES CAPTAIN LO, OF THE PANAMANIAN REGISTERED VESSEL " LUCKY STAR"; " THE VIETNAMESE PROMISED US AT LEAST FIVE GUNBOATS, BUT THEY GAVE US NONE." ACCORDING TO GREENWAY THE ONLY GUNBOATS PROVIDED WERE CAMBODIAN ON THE CAMBODIAN SIDE OF THE BORDER, AND AT LEAST ONE SHIP WAS SUNK AND OTHERS HEAVILY DAMAGED.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENT ON THE VALIDITY OF THESE REPORTS SOONEST AND INDICATE WHAT, IF ANY, CORRECTIVE
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